

CLARKSBURG WINE COMPANY



2012 DELTA ROUGE



Appellation: Clarksburg, California

Vineyard: This vineyard uses a bilateral cordon California sprawl trellis system.

Soil: The vineyard is mostly composed of sand and clay with some alluvial soil.

Composition: This wine is a proprietary blend comprised primarily of Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot.

Case Production: 400

pH: 3.50

TA (g/100ml): .66

Alcohol: 14.50%

Harvest Date: September 6, 2012 - October 3, 2012

Brix at Harvest: 22 - 25 Brix

Wine Processing: The fruit was handpicked and delivered in half ton bins. We used Syrah yeast for these fermentations to enhance the fruit expression while maintaining a good forepalate volume.

Aging: This wine was blended aged for 12 months in 15% new French oak from Vicard, and Francois Frerer cooperages with the remainder in 2 and 4 year old French oak barrels. We chose barrels for this wine to enhance fruit expression and soft buttery oak notes. We blended this wine from the most fruit forward barrels of several different lots.

Tasting Notes: This wine is a vibrant ruby. Initially, the wine entices with a rich, warm cherry and chocolate aroma embroidered with charred oak. As the wine evolves, aromas of hay and blueberry intermingle with an earthy note reminiscent of sun baked soil. The wine intrigues the palate with luscious red fruit notes and a firm structure. This wine finished with a compelling zip of acidity driving the fruit forward finish.